



AIDA
VERDI



AIDA,
PRINCESS OF
ETHIOPIA



AMNERIS,
PRINCESS
OF EGYPT



RADAMÈS,
EGYPTIAN
COMMANDER



RAMFIS,
HIGHT PRIEST



THE KING
OF EGYPT



AMONASRO,
KING OF ETHIOPIA

DRAMATIS PERSONAE



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AT THE ROYAL PALACE IN MEMPHIS, THE WARRIOR RADAMÈS LEARNS THAT ETHIOPIA IS PREPARING TO ATTACK EGYPT.



HE HOPES TO COMMAND THE EGYPTIAN ARMY. IF HE ACHIEVES VICTORY, HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FREE AIDA—ENSLAVED TO THE PRINCESS AMNERIS—AND MARRY HER.

BUT AMNERIS ALSO LOVES RADAMÈS AND IS JEALOUS OF AIDA, WHOM SHE SUSPECTS OF BEING A RIVAL FOR THE WARRIOR'S AFFECTION.



MEANWHILE, AIDA IS TORN BETWEEN HER LOVE FOR RADAMÈS AND HER LOYALTY TO ETHIOPIA, WHERE HER FATHER IS KING.



IN THE TEMPLE OF VULCAN, THE PRIESTS CONSECRATE RADAMÈS TO THE SERVICE OF THE GOD PTAH. THE HIGH PRIEST RAMFIS ORDERS HIM TO PROTECT THE HOMELAND.

AFTER EGYPT'S VICTORY IN BATTLE, AMNERIS AWAITS THE RETURN OF RADAMÈS.

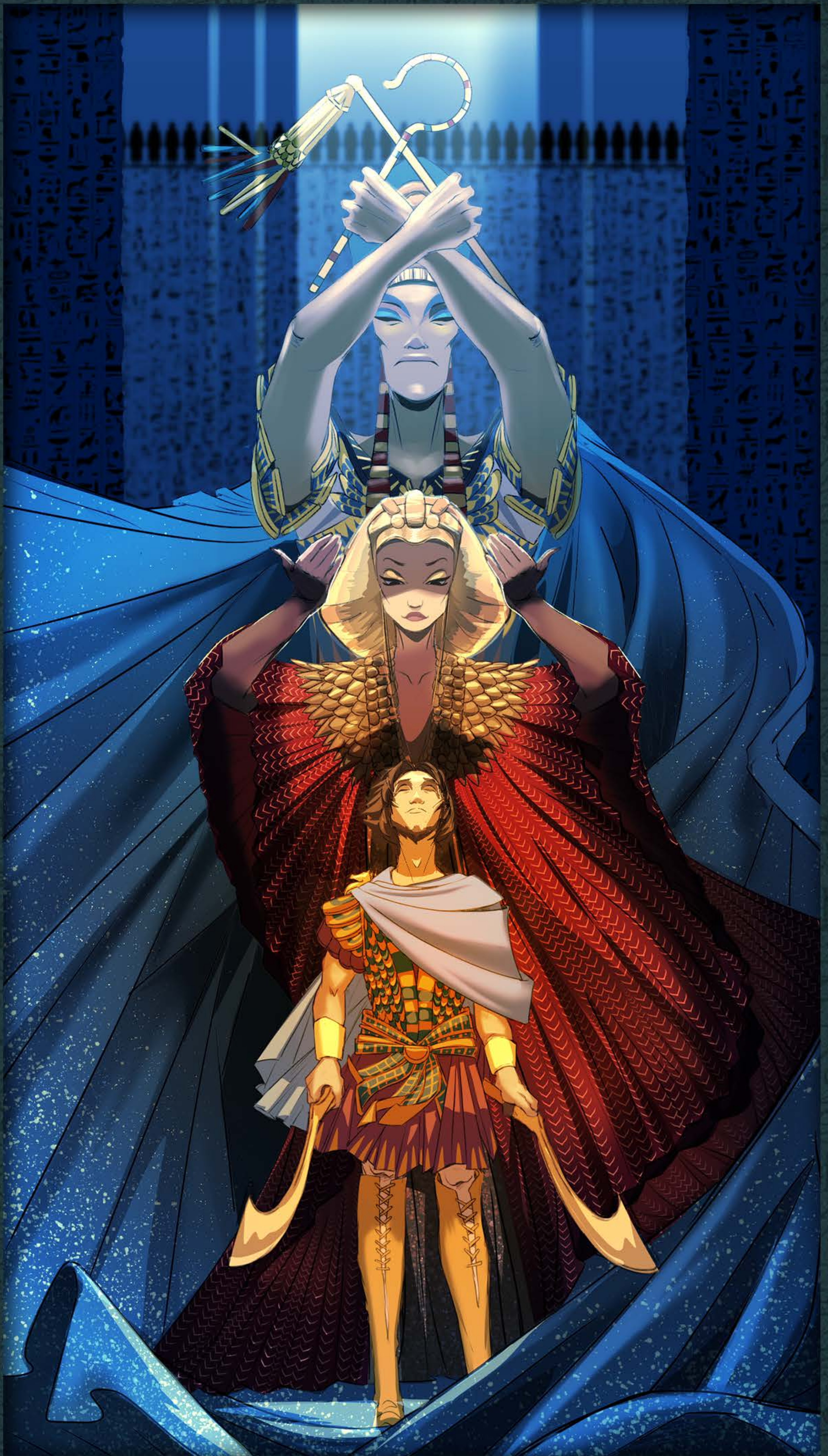


ALONE WITH AIDA, SHE PRETENDS THE WARRIOR HAS DIED—THEN REVEALS THAT HE IS ALIVE. AIDA'S REACTION CONFIRMS THAT SHE, TOO, IS IN LOVE WITH RADAMÈS.

THE KING OF EGYPT AND AMNERIS OBSERVE THE VICTORY CELEBRATIONS ...



... AND PRAISE RADAMÈS'S TRIUMPH.

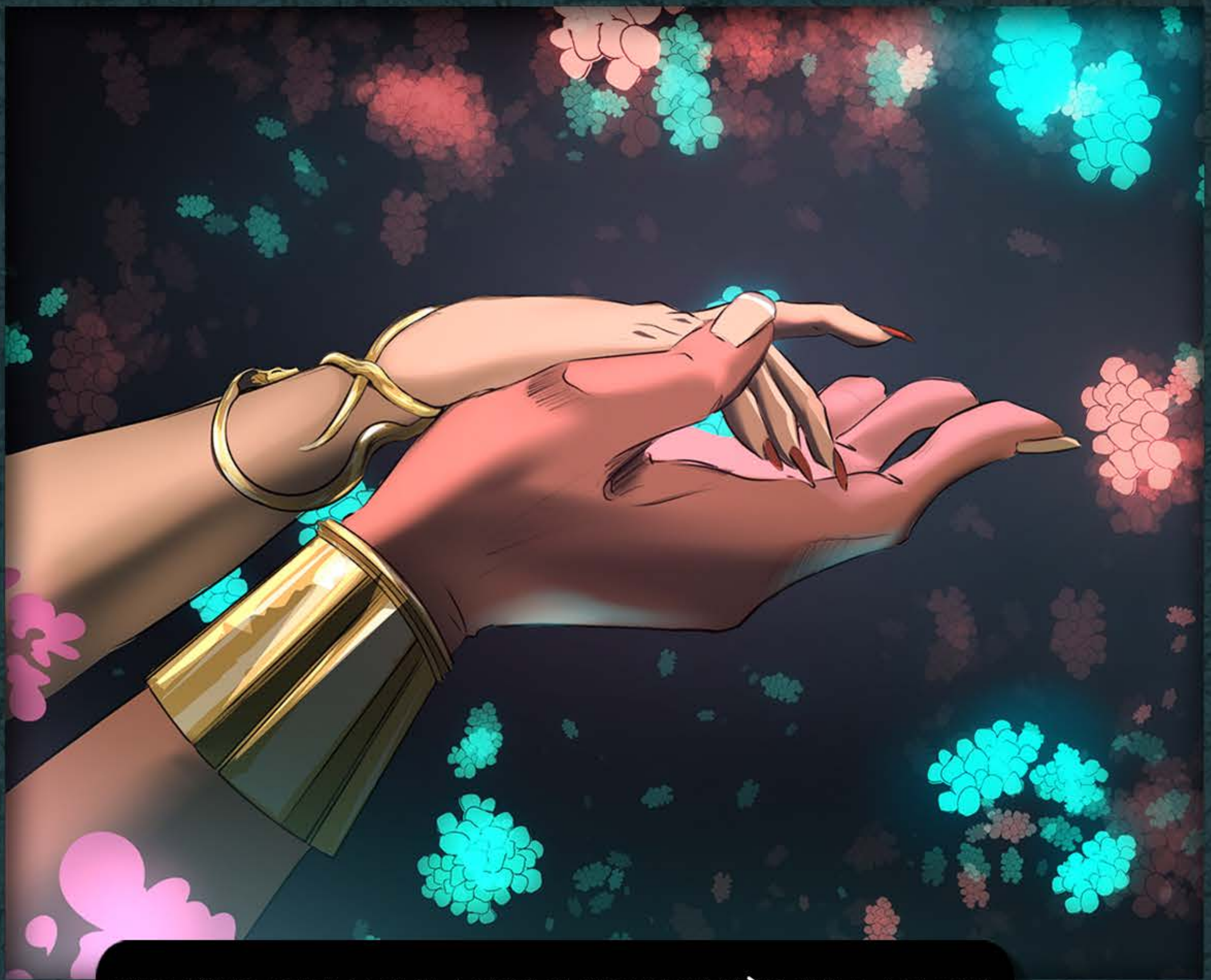


SOLDIERS LEAD IN CAPTURED ETHIOPIANS, AND AMONG THEM IS AIDA'S FATHER AMONASRO, WHO SIGNALS HIS DAUGHTER NOT TO REVEAL HIS IDENTITY AS KING.



AMONASRO PLEADS FOR MERCY, AND THE EGYPTIAN KING GRANTS RADAMÈS'S REQUEST THAT THE PRISONERS NOT BE EXECUTED.





THE KING THEN DECLARES THAT RADAMÈS WILL BE HIS SUCCESSOR AND WILL MARRY AMNERIS.

ON THE EVE OF THE WEDDING, AMNERIS AND RAMFIS PRAY IN A TEMPLE.



NEARBY, AIDA IS WAITING FOR RADAMÈS WHEN AMONASRO SUDDENLY APPEARS.

HE ASKS AIDA TO ENTRAP RADAMÈS BY MAKING HIM REVEAL WHICH ROUTE THE EGYPTIAN ARMY WILL TAKE TO INVADÉ ETHIOPIA.



AS AMONASRO HIDES, AIDA AND RADAMÈS REUNITE AND DREAM ABOUT THEIR FUTURE LIFE TOGETHER—UNTIL RADAMÈS DIVULGES HIS SECRET.



WHEN AMONASRO COMES OUT FROM HIDING, RADAMÈS IS HORRIFIED TO REALIZE WHAT HE HAS DONE. RAMFIS AND AMNERIS ALSO EMERGE FROM THE TEMPLE.



FATHER AND DAUGHTER ESCAPE WHILE RADAMÈS SURRENDERS HIMSELF TO THE HIGH PRIEST'S GUARD.

AMNERIS SUMMONS RADAMÈS, WHO REFUSES HER OFFER TO SAVE HIS LIFE IF HE RELINQUISHES HIS LOVE FOR AIDA.



BROUGHT BEFORE THE PRIESTS, RADAMÈS IS CONDEMNED TO BE BURIED ALIVE.

AMNERIS BEGS FOR MERCY, BUT THE JUDGES WILL NOT CHANGE THEIR VERDICT.



RADAMÈS ENTERS THE TOMB, WHERE HE FINDS AIDA WAITING FOR HIM.

THEY EXPRESS THEIR LOVE FOR THE LAST TIME.

IN THE TEMPLE ABOVE, AMNERIS PRAYS FOR PEACE.



